

Thursday, October 19, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act.
House passed Medicare Preservation Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S15297–S15369

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1335–1345, and S. Res. 185–186. **Pages S15337–38**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. 187, to provide for the safety of journeymen boxers. (S. Rept. No. 104–159)

S. 1004, to authorize appropriations for the United States Coast Guard, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–160)

S. 673, to establish a youth development grant program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–161)

S. 1012, to extend the time for construction of certain FERC licensed hydro projects. (S. Rept. No. 104–162)

H.R. 1266, to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument. (S. Rept. No. 104–163)

S. Res. 177, to designate October 19, 1995, as "National Mammography Day". **Page S15337**

Measures Passed:

National Mammography Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 177, to designate October 19, 1995, as "National Mammography Day." **Pages S15311–12**

NASA Authorizations, 1996: Senate passed S. 1048, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for human space flight, science, aeronautics and technology, mission support, and the Inspector General, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S15298–S15311**

Kassebaum (for Pressler) Amendment No. 2939, to authorize funds for operation of the Upper Midwest Aerospace Consortium, and to clarify an authorization. **Pages S15303–06**

Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act: By 74 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 494), Senate passed H.R. 927, to seek international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, and to plan for support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

(1) Dole Amendment No. 2898, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S15315–25**

(2) Helms Amendment No. 2936 (to Amendment No. 2898), to strengthen international sanctions against the Castro government and to support for a free and independent Cuba. **Pages S15315–25**

Rejected:

(1) Simon Modified Amendment No. 2934 (to Amendment No. 2936), to protect the constitutional right of Americans to travel to Cuba. (By 73 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 492), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S15315–23**

(2) Dodd Amendment No. 2906 (to Amendment No. 2936), to seek international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, and to plan for support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba, and Dodd Amendment No. 2908 (to Amendment No. 2936), to seek international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, and to plan for support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba. (By 64 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 493), Senate tabled the amendments en bloc.) **Pages S15315–24**

Senate Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 186, to authorize testimony by Senate employees and representation by Senate Legal Counsel. **Page S15368**

Federal Employees Emergency Leave Transfer Act: Senate passed S. 868, to provide authority for

leave transfer for Federal employees who are adversely affected by disasters or emergencies.

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Tied Aid Credit Program Authorization: Senate passed S. 1309, to reauthorize the tied aid credit program of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and to allow the Export-Import Bank to conduct a demonstration project.

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Department of Defense Appropriations—Further Conference: The Senate agreed to a further conference with the House on H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Mack, Shelby, Gregg, Hatfield, Inouye, Hollings, Johnston, Byrd, Leahy, Bumpers, Lautenberg, and Harkin.

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Workforce Development Act—Conferees: Pursuant to the order of October 11, 1995, the Chair appointed conferees on H.R. 1617, to consolidate and reform workforce development and literacy programs, as follows: Senators Kassebaum, Jeffords, Coats, Gregg, Frist, DeWine, Ashcroft, Abraham, Gorton, Kennedy, Pell, Dodd, Simon, Harkin, Mikulski, and Wellstone.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report of deferrals of budgetary resources; which was referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, and to the Committee on Finance. (PM–88).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Arthur L. Money, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

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Messages From the President:

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Communications:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—494)

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Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and recessed at 7:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, October 20, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S15369.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Michael V. Dunn, of Iowa, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, and John David Carlin, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Congressional Relations, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Dunn was introduced by Senator Leahy, and Mr. Carlin was introduced by Senator Kassebaum.

ROLE OF COUNCIL OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations concluded hearings to examine the role of the Council of Environmental Quality in the decision-making and management processes of the Department of the Interior, Department of Energy, and the U.S. Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Kathleen A. McGinty, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality.

SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1316, to revise and authorize funds for programs of the Safe Drinking Water Act, after receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Nebraska Governor E. Benjamin Nelson, Lincoln, and Ohio Governor George V. Voinovich, Columbus, both on behalf of the National Governors Association; Mayor Jeffrey N. Wennberg, Rutland, Vermont, on behalf of the National League of Cities and the National Association of Counties; Gurnie C. Gunter, Kansas City Department of Water Services, Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies; Erik D. Olson, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Campaign for Safe and Affordable Drinking Water; Donald Satchwell, East Green

Acres irrigation District, Post Falls, Idaho, on behalf of the American Water Works Association; Dan Keil, Montana Rural Water Systems, Conrad, on behalf of the National Rural Water Association; David Ozonoff, Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts; Richard J. Bull, Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories, Richland, Washington; and William R. Mills, Jr., Orange County Water District, Orange County, California, on behalf of the Association of California Water Agencies.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Finance: Committee completed its review of certain spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, and agreed on recommendations which it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

RUBY RIDGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Government Information held

hearings to examine certain Federal law enforcement actions with regard to the 1992 incident at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

RURAL AND URBAN COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings on proposals to revitalize American rural and urban communities, including provisions of S. 743, S. 1184, and S. 1252, receiving testimony from Senators Abraham, Lieberman, and Ashcroft; Jack Kemp, Empower America, Marc Bendick, Jr., Bendick and Egan Economic Consultants, Inc., and Paul S. Grogan, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, all of Washington, D.C.; Blair Forlaw, East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, St. Louis, Missouri; and Randall C. Gideon, KVG Gideon/Toal, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas, on behalf of the American Institute of Architects.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 2507–2514; and 2 private bills, H.R. 2515, 2516; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 240, were introduced. **Page H10484**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 239, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2492, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–283); and

H.R. 994, to require the periodic review and automatic termination of Federal regulations, amended (H. Rept. 104–284, Part 1). **Pages H10464, H10484**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative LaHood to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, the Judiciary, Resources, Science, Small Business, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Medicare Preservation Act: By a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 731, the House passed H.R. 2425, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve and reform the medicare program. **Pages H10328–H10464**

Rejected the Gephardt motion to recommit the bill to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that strikes language relating to the extension of Part B premiums (rejected by a recorded vote of 183 yeas to 249 noes, Roll No. 730). **Pages H10462–64**

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule (text of H.R. 2485), as modified by the rule. **Page H10461**

Rejected the Gibbons amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to reduce medicare by \$90 billion over seven years, reduce Part A spending by an amount sufficient to extend the solvency of the Part A hospital trust fund to 2006, and reduce cost sharing by medicare beneficiaries by freezing the Part B premium for one year and providing that the monthly premium in succeeding years would be below the level under current law (rejected by a recorded vote of 149 yeas to 283 noes, Roll No. 729).

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H. Res. 238, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a recorded vote of 227 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 727. Agreed to order the previous question on the rule by a yeas-and-nays vote of 231 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 726.

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Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight Friday, October 20, to file a conference report on H.R. 2002, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

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Presidential Message—Budget Deferrals: Read a message from the President wherein reports three deferrals of budgetary resources, totaling \$122.8 million and affecting the International Security Assistance program, and the Departments of Health and Human Services and State—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–125).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One Quorum call (Roll No. 728), two yeas-and-nays votes, and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10327, H10327–28, H10459–60, H10461, H10463–64, and H10464.

Adjournment: Met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2493, Food for Peace Reauthorization Act of 1995.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Approved for full Committee action the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

POSTMARK PROMPT PAYMENT ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Postal Service held a hearing on H.R. 1963, Postmark Prompt Payment Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representatives Boehlert, Romero-Barceló, Jacobs, Stockman, Barrett of Wisconsin, and Blute; and public witnesses.

FARM BILL TRADE PROVISIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on the Trade Provisions in the 1995 Farm bill. Testimony was heard from August Schumacher,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full committee action the following measures: H.R. 2064, to grant the consent of Congress to an amendment of the Historic Chattahoochee Compact between the States of Alabama and Georgia; and H.J. Res. 78, amended, to grant the consent of the Congress to certain additional powers conferred upon the Bi-State Development Agency by the States of Missouri and Illinois; and H.R. 394, amended, to amend title 4 of the United States Code to limit State taxation of certain pension income.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 2064 and H.J. Res. 78. Testimony was heard from Representatives Everett and Talent.

OVERSIGHT—UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Testimony was heard from Representatives Foley, Slaughter, Shaw, and Rohrabacher; Mary Mathews, Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; and a public witness.

MEDICAL PROCEDURES INNOVATION AND AFFORDABILITY ACT; INVENTOR PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1127, Medical Procedures Innovation and Affordability Act; and H.R. 2419, Inventor Protection Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Senator Lieberman; Representatives Ganske and Wyden; G. Lee Skillington, Counsel, Office of Legislative and International Affairs, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2418, amended, DNA Identification Grants Improvement Act of 1995; H.R. 1533, to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalty for escaping from a Federal prison; and H.R. 2359, amended, to clarify the method of execution of Federal prisoners.

**NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT
AMENDMENTS**

Committee on Resources: Met to consider H.R. 1020, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, but no action was taken thereon.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2492, making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. The rule provides for consideration of the bill in the House. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Packard and Fazio.

**UNITED STATES-JAPANESE COOPERATION
IN HUMAN SPACEFLIGHT**

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on United States-Japanese Cooperation in Human Spaceflight. Testimony was heard from Donald S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA; Ambassador Takakazu Kuriyama, Embassy of Japan; and public witnesses.

**EFFECTS OF SUPERFUND LIABILITY ON
SMALL BUSINESS**

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Effects of Superfund Liability on Small Business. Testimony was heard from Lois J. Schiffer, Assistant Attorney General, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

PUBLIC AIRCRAFT REGULATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Regulation

of Public Aircraft by the FAA under Public Law 103-411 and on proposed Restrictions on the use of Certain Special Purpose Aircraft under H.R. 1320, to impose restrictions on the use of certain special purpose aircraft. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

*Joint Meetings***APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION**

Conferees, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2002, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 20, 1995**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation to provide for reconciliation pursuant to H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, 1:30 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on the Judiciary, to resume hearings to examine the status of religious liberty in the United States, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, October 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, October 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: After the recognition of three Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate may consider S. 1322, regarding the relocation of the Embassy in Israel.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: No legislative business is scheduled.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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